



## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

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#### AMATEUR STATION SEQUENTIAL CALL SIGN SYSTEM

A unique call sign is assigned to each amateur station during the processing of its license grant. The station is reassigned its same call sign upon renewal or modification of its grant, unless the licensee applies for a change to a new call sign. Each new call sign is sequentially selected from the alphabetized regional-group list for the licensee's operator class and mailing address. The mailing address must be one where the licensee can receive mail delivery by the United States Postal Service. Each call sign has a one letter prefix (K, N, W) or a two letter prefix (AA-AL, KA-KZ, NA-NZ, WA-WZ) and a one, two or three letter suffix separated by a numeral (0-9) indicating the geographic region (1-13). When the call signs in any regional-group list are exhausted, the selection is made from the next lower group. The groups are:

**Group A. For primary stations licensed to Amateur Extra Class operators.**

*Regions 1 through 10:* Prefix K, N or W; two letter suffix. Two letter prefix with first letter A, N, K or W; one letter suffix. Two letter prefix with first letter A; two letter suffix.

*Region 11:* Prefix AL, KL, NL or WL; one letter suffix.

*Region 12:* Prefix KP, NP or WP; one letter suffix.

*Region 13:* Prefix AH, KH, NH or WH; one letter suffix.

**Group B. For primary stations licensed to Advanced Class operators.**

*Regions 1 through 10:* Two letter prefix with first letter K, N or W; two letter suffix.

*Region 11:* Prefix AL; two letter suffix.

*Region 12:* Prefix KP; two letter suffix.

*Region 13:* Prefix AH; two letter suffix.

**Group C. For primary stations licensed to General, Technician, and Technician Plus Class operators.**

*Regions 1 through 10:* Prefix K, N or W; three letter suffix.

*Region 11:* Prefix KL, NL or WL; two letter suffix.

*Region 12:* Prefix NP or WP; two letter suffix.

*Region 13:* Prefix KH, NH or WH; two letter suffix.

**Group D. For primary stations licensed to Novice Class operators, and for club and military recreation stations.**

*Regions 1 through 10:* Two letter prefix with first letter K or W; three letter suffix.

*Region 11:* Prefix KL or WL; three letter suffix.

*Region 12:* Prefix KP or WP; three letter suffix.

*Region 13:* Prefix KH or WH; three letter suffix.

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The region and numerals are:

1. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The numeral is 1.
2. New Jersey and New York. The numeral is 2.
3. Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The numeral is 3.
4. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The numeral is 4.
5. Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The numeral is 5.
6. California. The numeral is 6.
7. Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The numeral is 7.
8. Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. The numeral is 8.
9. Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The numeral is 9.
10. Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. The numeral is .
11. Alaska. The numerals are through 9.
12. Caribbean Insular areas. The numerals are 1 through 5:
  - 1 - Navassa Island;
  - 2 - Virgin Islands;
  - 3 or 4 - Commonwealth of Puerto Rico except Desecheo Island;
  - 5 - Desecheo Island.
13. Hawaii and Pacific Insular areas. The numerals are through 9:
  - Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands;
  - 1 - Baker or Howland Island;
  - 2 - Guam;
  - 3 - Johnston Island;
  - 4 - Midway Island;
  - 5 - Palmyra or Jarvis Island; 5 followed by suffix letter K - Kingman Reef;
  - 6 or 7 - Hawaii; 7 followed by the letter K - Kure Island;
  - 8 - American Samoa;
  - 9 - Wake, Wilkes or Peale Island.

Certain combinations of letters are not assignable. These include KA2AA-KA9ZZ, KC4AAA-KC4AAF, KC4USA-KC4USZ, KG4AA-KG4ZZ, KC6AA-KC6ZZ, KL9KAA-KL9KHZ, KX6AA-KX6ZZ; any call sign having the letters SOS or QRA-QUZ as the suffix; any call sign having the letters AM-AZ as the prefix; any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letter X as the first letter of the suffix; any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters AF, KF, NF or WF as the prefix and the letters EMA as the suffix; any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters NA-NZ as the prefix; any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters KP, NP or WP as the prefix and the numeral , 6, 7, 8 or 9; any 2-by-2 format call sign having the letters KP, NP or WP as the prefix and the numeral , 6, 7, 8 or 9; any 2-by-1 format call sign having the letters KP, NP or WP as the prefix and the numeral , 6, 7, 8 or 9; and letter combinations that prior recipients have found offensive. Call signs having the single letter prefix (K, N or W), a single digit numeral (, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9) and a single letter suffix are reserved for the special event call sign system.

**This Notice supersedes all previous Notices on this subject.** For the procedures of the vanity call sign system, see **PR-5000 #206-V, AMATEUR STATION VANITY CALL SIGN SYSTEM**.

**FURTHER QUESTIONS CAN BE E-MAILED TO FCCITD@fcc.gov.**